

a much larger area all the time, but have been overlooked as just another "White Wagtail"!

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### 19. WHITE-EYE (*ZOSTEROPS PALPEBROSA*) FEEDING THE CHICKS OF PARADISE FLYCATCHER (*TERPSIPHONE PARADISI*)

We were birdwatching near Udaipur on 13th July, 1996. At 0930 hrs we found a nest of paradise flycatcher (*Terpsiphone paradisi*) on a bare branch of a mango tree (*Mangifera indica*). We observed the birds from a distance of about 15 m from the nest, behind some bushes. There were four chicks in the nest and both the male and female were feeding their nestlings. Soon we saw that on a leafy part of the same branch, two white-eyes (*Zosterops palpebrosa*) were darting in and out of the leaves. We found the nest of the white-eyes about 2 m from the nest of the paradise flycatcher on the same branch.

At 1015 hrs, the frequency of feeding by the paradise flycatcher slowed down. Both the birds flew away, out of the vicinity of their nest. At this juncture, one of the white-eyes came and perched

on top of the nest of the paradise flycatcher. The chicks raised their necks with wide open beaks and begged for food. The white-eye fed the chicks, or at least was seen to put its beak into the mouths of two nestlings. When the chicks calmed down, the white-eye started feeding on the nest material of the paradise flycatcher's nest. The rocking of the nest agitated the chicks and the white-eye once again calmed them down by putting its beak in the mouth of the chicks.

It remained on the nest for three minutes and then flew away.

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### 20. SHORT TAILED AGAMA IN SOUTHEAST RAJASTHAN

A small lizard was caught on 25 December 1994 from Sorsan Bustard closed area in Baran dist. in southeast Rajasthan. On a warm afternoon in winter, it was scurrying from one jujube bush to another. The lizard was caught and measured. Its total length was 85 mm, of

which 37 mm was tail and 48 mm snout to vent length. It had a triangular head, a well defined neck and upper body variegated with dark brown irregular lines and circular spots along the spine. The ventral surface was pale with faint brown lines on the lower jaw and belly. Front and hind